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**From:** Leathers, James [Leathers.James@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/7/2020 8:01:24 PM  
**To:** Durant, Jennah [Durant.Jennah@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Casso, Ruben [Casso.Ruben@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Denka Press Message/desk statement

Hi Jennah,

The last two SPOds were relocated on July 1, 2020.

Just a subtle point of clarification. David has publicly referred to the SPOd phases as initial and operational. The first phase is obviously the initial phase. The second phase has been referred to as the "sampling" phase or the "operational" phase.

Since July 1 2020, all six SPOds near all 6 community monitoring locations have been installed and running. However, we have not entered the "operational" phase. Please let me know if you have any other questions or if I can help with anything additional.

Thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Denka Press Message/desk statement

James should be able to give you the dates the last 2 SPODs were installed and became operational. ARD is drafting a letter for Ken to send to Dr. Brown on the LaPlace air monitoring status. It should echo the update below which you already saw. -Ruben

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**From:** Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 7, 2020 1:47 PM  
**To:** Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>; Leathers, James <Leathers.James@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Denka Press Message/desk statement

Thanks, Ruben! I think I saw that update already. Do you know when the last two Spod monitors were installed?

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**From:** Casso, Ruben <[Casso.Ruben@epa.gov](mailto:Casso.Ruben@epa.gov)>  
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Jennah – James Leathers (ECAD- SPODs) & I (ARD) are the technical staff leads on Denka. If you need any specific info, just ask. Below is an update from David Gray which may help you as well. -Ruben

Here is the current update.

#### DPE Update

We are continuing to collect our community air monitoring and chloroprene samples are being collected during COVID19. We have also posted new chloroprene data on our public website up to June 10, 2020 and will continue to post data as we receive it. <https://www.epa.gov/la/denka-air-monitoring-data-summary>

Regarding SPods, we remain in the Initial Phase and installed the last two (2) SPods on July 2, 2020 after receiving property access from DuPont. All of the six locations have SPods installed. These monitors will operate continuously and hopefully allow us to better characterize and understand the occasional elevated chloroprene concentrations observed at our community air monitors since installation of pollution controls at Denka. As you will recall from EPA's presentation to the community in February 2020, the Initial Phase was estimated to take about 2-months after the SPods were installed. The Initial Phase includes several weeks after installation for calibration of the instruments and data in this phase will be processed and used to assess the sampling equipment performance and develop a VOC trigger concentration for canister samples and averaging period for that concentration. The Operational Phase for the SPods will follow and chloroprene data will be posted publicly.

Based on this schedule, we have temporarily extended our community air monitoring until the SPods Operational Phase is initiated. At that time, we will discontinue and remove the community air monitoring network. The SPods are expected to continue operated until about December 2020.

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Thank you, this is very helpful!

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Here are comments from ARD.

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**To:** Thompson, Steve <[thompson.steve@epa.gov](mailto:thompson.steve@epa.gov)>; Verhalen, Frances <[verhalen.frances@epa.gov](mailto:verhalen.frances@epa.gov)>  
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Here is the draft. I mostly need you to look at the messages on Page 2. Steve, do you know the dates when the facility was shut down? Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) If I can have this back by late tomorrow morning I'd appreciate it.

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I am available to review as well

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Thanks. I will get you a draft by tomorrow morning.

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Yes.

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Fran and Steve, I'm working on updating the Denka communications plan. David Gray wants to see it by COB tomorrow. I hope to send you the draft this afternoon to look at, and I'm sure I will need you to fill in some technical info. Will you be available to review it?

thanks,  
Jennah

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**From:** Taheri, Diane <[Taheri.Diane@epa.gov](mailto:Taheri.Diane@epa.gov)>  
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**To:** Durant, Jennah <[Durant.Jennah@epa.gov](mailto:Durant.Jennah@epa.gov)>  
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Do we have something to share?

*Diane*

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Diane,  
Can you forward me the Denka Press Message/Desk Statement that relates to ending the monitoring in September? I want to make sure that we are using the same wording/messaging in documents we are preparing. I appreciate it.

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